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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE:
VISA CHECK/MASTERMONEY
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

ORDER
96-CV-5238 (JG)

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JOHN GLEESON, United States District Judge:

Lloyd Constantine has requested that I amend my memorandum and order dated December 19, 2003, on the ground that its criticism of the fee request was unduly harsh.

Though I hereby deny the application, as the language used fairly conveyed the Court's view, a further comment is appropriate. My frank assessment of the requested fee neither impugns the integrity of plaintiffs' counsel nor was intended to do so. I have frequently, and on occasion lavishly, expressed my admiration for the forensic abilities, the ethics and the good faith of all the attorneys I met with during the extensive settlement conferences last spring. Maybe my callouses after two decades of Brooklyn litigation are too thick, but I do not believe my merits disagreement with the fee request undermines those sentiments. In any event, I reiterate them here.

The application is respectfully denied.

So Ordered.

JOHN GLEESON, U.S.D.J.

Dated: January 15, 2004
Brooklyn, New York